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TO: All ABD Medicaid Policy Manual Holders
All Family Medicaid Policy Manual Holders
All TANF Cash Assistance Policy Manual Holders
All SNAP Policy Manual Holders

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SUBJECT: Bulletin MA-95
Bulletin FMA-54
Bulletin TB-52
Bulletin SNAP-68

ABD MA Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of ABD 501-1
FMA Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of FMA 501-1
TANF Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of TANF 501-1.
SNAP Manual: Place this bulletin at the beginning of SNAP 501-1.

SUBJECT: Additional Unemployment Benefit

REFERENCE: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Receipt

INTRODUCTION: With the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, each claimant currently receiving Unemployment Insurance (UI) will be receiving an additional \$25.00 per week in UI benefits. This additional payment will start with UI benefits that are issued for a benefit week ending date on or after 2/28/09.

NEW POLICY: The additional \$25.00 per week UI Payment will be excluded as unearned income for ABD Medicaid, Family Medicaid and TANF.

This payment is countable unearned income for SNAP.

TEAMS CODING: The payments would be coded 'OF' on a combined case. Regular UI benefits would be coded 'UI'.

NOTE:

MISTICS is being updated to display these payments separately from the regular UI benefit.

UPDATED MANUAL MATERIAL WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. UNTIL THAT TIME, USE THIS BULLETIN AS A GUIDE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR REGIONAL POLICY SPECIALISTS.